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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

In complete response to the Official Action dated June 4, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for production of an essential oil- rich hop extract, comprising the steps of:

(1) extracting hops with supercritical or subcritical carbon dioxide solvent at a pressure of 80 to 100 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> to obtain a carbon dioxide extract; and

7.345 MPa  
(2) separating an essential oil-rich hop extract from the carbon dioxide extract,

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wherein the ratio of essential oil components (ml) to  $\alpha$ -acid (g) in the <sup>9. extracted</sup> ~~original~~ hops is increased by at least 2.